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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - US/SWISS AVIATION AGREEMENT

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1. ADDRESSEES MAY BE INTERESTED IN FIRST REACTION WHICH
HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION TO US-SWITZERLAND CHARTER UNDER-
STANDING. TEXT OF SWISSAIR ORIGINATING TELEX WHICH
INADVERTENTLY FOUND ITS WAY IN THE HANDS OF AN ASIAN AIR-
LINE AND WHICH WAS PASSED CONFIDENTIALLY TO US BY THAT
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AIRLINES' WASHINGTON REP FOLLOWS BELOW. IT WOULD APPEAR

THAT EITHER SWISSAIR HAS NOT YET SEEN TEXT OF UNDERSTANDING
OR IT IS NOT BEING COMPLETELY CANDID WITH THE INTENDED
ADDRESSEE OF TELEX.

BEGIN TEXT: THE AGREEMENT IS IN FACT A DRAFT MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING WHICH HAS BEEN INITIALLED AD REFERENDUM
STP IN THIS THE SWISS HAVE VERY CLOSELY FOLLOWED ECAC
POLICY GUIDELINES AGREED AND PUBLISHED ON OCT 23RD - I.E.
THE DRAFT DOCUMENT ONLY COVERS THE YEAR 1976 AND IS NOT
AUTOMATICALLY RENEWED STP 30 DAYS PRELISTING IS MAINTAINED
FOR SERIES OF AFFINITY FLIGHTS STP PRICE SURVEILLANCE
AGREED TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED BY THE AVIATION AUTHORITIES
OF THE TWO PARTIES /ECAC GUIDELINES GIVE TARIFF BENCH

MARKS/STP SUBSTITUTION ON TGC/S ACCEPTED ON
ISOLATED FLIGHTS ONLY /ECAC GUIDELINES INDICATE MAX FIVE
PERCENT STP ON UPLIFT RATIO UNILATERAL STATEMENTS BY
THE TWO PARTIES IN SEPARATE DOCUMENTS/COLON/ THE SWISS
MAKING STRONG RESERVATIONS AGAINST ANY LIMITS AND INDICATE
THEY WOULD RESORT TO RETORTION (NOTE: TELEX READS
"RETORTION" - PROBABLY MEANS "RETALIATION.") IF NEEDED
STP COMINGLING ACCEPTED QUOTE DUE TO SWISS DOMESTIC
LEGISLATION UNQUOTE STP MINIMUM GROUP SIZE LIMITED TO
40 SEATS /ECAC EXPRESSED PREFERENCE 40 PASSENGERS
END TEXT

2. PRELIMINARY US INDUSTRY REACTION TO US-SWISS UNDER-
STANDING GENERALLY FAVORABLE. NACA, HOWEVER, HAS ASKED
FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE UNDER-
STANDING, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO SWISS INTENTIONS ON
TGC SUBSTITUTION AND 30-DAY AFFINITY PRELISTING AND TO
IMPLICATION OF PARA 5 OF MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION.
BELIEVE ANALYSIS OF THESE AND OTHER PROVISIONS CAN WAIT
FOR USDEL'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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